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LETTER TO COMMISSION
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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2012

SUBJECT: **PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MOTIONS**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to transmit to you the following three (3) motions approved by the Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board at their February 1, 2012 meeting:

1. **Parking on the swale on the Par 3 Golf Course.**
2. **The need for a fence enclosing the new play field at the Scott Rakow Youth Center.**
3. **The Board voted against creating a new Tennis Advisory Board**

- 1) The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board recognizes the need for additional parking due to the high demands of usage at the Scott Rakow Youth Center.

MOTION: The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board supports the efforts and recommendations of the SRYC Advisory Board and asks the Commission to approve the necessary modifications to the Par 3 design to accommodate parking.

Members Present: Amy Rabin, Meryl Wolfson, Harriet Halpryn, Rebecca Boyce, Leslie Graff and Jonathan Groff.

Motion Made By: Jonathan Groff
Motion Seconded By: Rebecca Boyce
Motion Passed: Votes 6-0

- 2) The Board recognizes that dogs are constantly being walked or running loose on the new play field, and a permanent fence would keep the area clean and safe for the children that attend the Scott Rakow Youth Center.

MOTION: The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board supports the recommendation of the SRYC Advisory Board requesting the play area be fenced in light of safety and all issues.

Members Present: Amy Rabin, Meryl Wolfson, Harriet Halpryn, Rebecca Boyce, Leslie Graff and Jonathan Groff.

Motion Made By: Jonathan Groff
Motion Seconded By: Meryl Wolfson
Motion Passed: Votes 6-0

- 3) The Board recognizes that tennis is a growing program within the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department, however feel that the Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board is capable to serve the community as a whole, including the needs and concerns of the Tennis community.

MOTION: The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board believe we are representative of the diverse community with knowledge of the overall needs and priorities within the Parks and Recreation system, including funding needs. As a Board, we have been open to hear and respond to the needs of the community within our best judgment for the community as a whole. We believe we are well qualified and capable to serve as an Advisory capacity for tennis issues and we are open and welcome to hearing members of the tennis community come before us, should they have any questions or concerns. Accordingly, we do not believe that it is in the City's best interest or necessary to form a separate Tennis Board.

Members Present: Amy Rabin, Meryl Wolfson, Harriet Halpryn, Rebecca Boyce, Leslie Graff and Jonathan Groff.

Motion Made By: Jonathan Groff
Motion Seconded By: Harriet Halpryn
Motion Passed: Votes 5-1

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

JMG/HMF/KS/tb

c: Hilda M. Fernandez, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Smith, Parks & Recreation Director
Julio Magrisso, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director